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#### NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady in the Northeast while all other regions ranged fully steady to firm. Demand was light to good, best where featured. Supplies were adequate to in close balance and were held with confidence. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient to short for the moderate to very good demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Both retail and institutional demand were moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close and were being held with extreme confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was good to very good with offerings continuing tight to short of current trade needs. Floor stocks in close balance to short. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49-56	50-52
LARGE	47-55	49-53
MEDIUM	46-52	49-52
IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN	PRICES PAI	D TO PRODUCERS
LARGE		34-38
MEDIUM		30-32
SMALL		12-16
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OF Western PA	I,NE,ND,SD,WI,\	VV,Western NY, and

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to moderate, best where features were planned. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were occasionally short to mostly sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Breaking schedules were less than normal to normal for next week. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as regular.

were reported as regular.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-69	58-62
LARGE	51-66	56-60
MEDIUM	48-63	53-55
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, M	IE, NH, Eastern	NJ, Eastern NY, PA,
RI, Northern VA, and VT		

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Institutional business was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close and were being held with extreme confidence.

	RANGE
EXTRALARGE	57.5-66
LARGE	53.5-62
MEDIUM	52-58
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and T	X

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was usually moderate, slightly better where features in progress or planned. Supplies were adequate to close and held with confidence. Breaking stock supplies were mostly adequate to occasionally short for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

	KANGE	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	54.5-63	56-59
LARGE	53-63	54-57
MEDIUM	49.5-57	50-54
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern	n TN, and So	outhern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PEF DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices were unchanged. The market tone remained steady at prevailing price levels. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for immediate trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	65-69
LARGE	63-67
MEDIUM	60-64

**CHICAGO EGGS** Prices for extra large and large increased 2 cents, mediums advanced 1 cent. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies were mixed from bal-

anced to adequate.	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	57-63
LARGE	55-61
MEDIUM	51-57

**WESTERN REGION EGG** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 4 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 2 cents higher on large, and 1-2 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in good balance.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 4 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 2 cents higher on large, medium, and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in good balance. Small benchmark price 64. Ads in Southern California: major- extra large dozen 2 for \$5, large 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 3 for \$5, large dozen 99.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect dis-

counts or other contract terms.	RANGE
JUMBO	97
EXTRA LARGE	93
LARGE	89
MEDIUM	84

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS

PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	80-87
EXTRA LARGE	78-83
LARGE	76-79
MEDIUM	71-74

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE

	IVAINGE
JUMBO	259-339
EXTRA LARGE	249-319
LARGE	209-229
MEDIUM	179-199

WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	37-40	37-39
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	23-28	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Supplies were occasionally short to mostly adequate. Demand was usually reported in a range of moderate to good. Breaking schedules were less than normal to mostly normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 10 May 2003 were 4% more than last week, but 2% less than a year ago.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	35-40	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-30.25	23-27
FASTERN REGION AREA:		

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

### **EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -**

W/E 10-May-03 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS) LIQUID LIQUID LIQUID DRIED CASES **INED** WHOLE WHITE **BROKEN** YOLK CW 1,233,065 30.374 11.305 6,319 2,302 4,397 PW 28,556 10,535 4,269 1,165,148 5,799 2,012 LY 1,260,490 29,369 12,628 6,786 3,097 4,525 % CHG PW 6 7 3 6 9 14 % CHG LY -2 3 -10 -7 -26 -3 2003 21,229,867 515,488 194,007 107,314 43,211 78,827 503,741 216,579 116,377 51,814 78,612 2002 21,788,581 % CHGE YTD -3 -10 -8 -17 **LAST** CURRENT **PREVIOUS** YEAR **AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -WEEK** WEEK (INEDIBLE INCLUDED) 42.49 42.19 42.29 (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED) 38.93 38.53 38.70

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 50 to 54 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg and whites and cautiously steady to steady for yolk. Liquid whole egg and white demand was good to very good with interest gained in yolk this week beginning to gather more believers. Offerings were tight to short of needs for whole egg, tight to about adequate for whites and continued adequate to available for yolk. Breaking stock values range unchanged to higher when compared to last week's reported prices. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 16 May, 2003 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

				CHANGE FROM
CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	13	36-37.5	36.62	.43
WHITES	18	28-33.25	29.03	.37
YOLKS	14	50-52	50.86	.15

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on whites, unchanged on sugar yolks, irregular on whole, and lower on salt yolks when compared to previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady on yolks, usually steady on whole and at least steady on whites. Demand and trading improved but was usually only fair. Offerings were generally reported as tight on whites, in a better balanced position on whole, and usually sufficient on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 10 May 2003 were 6% higher than the previous week, but 1% less than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER LB IN 30 LB CONTAINERS) LTL

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN	I. 25 CONT.)			
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE			
WHOLE	43-50	44-48	54-58			
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		67-80			
WHITES	33-42	37-41	45-50			
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% S	SOLIDS) 63-70	66-69	72-85			
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SC	LIDS) 61-68	61-65	68-90			
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.						

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and sugared yolk ranged unchanged with whites unchanged to 2 cents higher and salted yolk unchanged to 1 cent lower when compared to last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly fully steady for whole egg and whites, steady on sugared yolk, and about steady for salted yolk. Offerings continued adequate or available with whites in the closest position. Demand was seasonally moderate to instances fairly good. Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

	TI	RUCKLOTS
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	46-50	46-49
WHITES	37-42	40-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-71	66-68
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-65	62-64

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged on whole, 2 cents higher on whites, 1 cent lower on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 5/10 was 21% less than the previous week. Frozen demand fair with freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLIING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)

LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	52-55
WHITES	45-48
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-75
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-71

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices were higher on albumen, unchanged on yolks and blends, but irregular on whole when compared to last week's trading. The undertone was fully steady to firm on albumen, at least steady on whole, and reported as usually steadier on yolks. Supplies were tight on whites, about adequate on whole, and sufficient on yolks. Demand improved but was still only fair. However, asking prices on all items were trending higher for future commitments. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 10 May 2003 were 14% more than the previous week, but 26% less than the same week last year. The total current year to date dried egg produced were 17 % less than a year ago.

wholesale selling prices, dollars per LB, in cont., trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.65-1.95	MOSTLY 1.69-1.81
YOLKS	1.52-1.85	MOSTLY 1.55-1.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.75-3.20	MOSTLY 2.83-2.90
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER	)1.25-1.45	MOSTLY 1.30-1.35

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 09, 2003-MAY 15, 2003

	C	UKKEN	LOADS	122.50	)	FUIL	JKE LUADS	22.75		IOIALL	OADS	145.25			
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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	_	_		_	_	40.00	6.00	GNR W XL	37.00	_	_			_	6.00
GNR W 1	_	40.25	37.75	39.00	38.50	40.10	15.00	GNR W 1	37.00	40.00	_			48.50	7.00
GNR W 2	_	39.00	_	_	_	_	2.00	GNR W 2	36.00	_	_	_	_	_	2.00
GNR W 4	_	_	_	_	22.50	25.00	2.00	GL W J	58.00	_	_			62.88	3.50
GNR BR 1	_	_	51.50	53.00	_	55.00	3.00	GL W XL	50.00	49.12	_	_	_	56.81	25.00
GL W J	_	_	57.50	59.00	51.89	_	4.00	GL W LG	46.40	50.30	_			54.12	35.25
GL W XL	42.00	46.54	49.38	49.81	47.31	45.73	51.00	GL W MD	42.50	44.00	_	_	_	48.53	12.75
GL W LG	42.00	46.05	44.58	46.43	44.60	44.25	35.25	GL BR LG	_	65.00	_			_	1.00
GL W MD	_	42.00	43.00	44.88	39.14	44.25	10.50	NRBS - 48	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.00
GL W SM	30.38	32.38	29.88	32.13	_	_	6.00								
GL BR LG	_	_	55.00	_	_	_	1.00								
NRBS - 50	_	_	32.00	34.00	_	_	.25								
NRBS - 48	_	_	_	_	37.90	39.25	27.00								
NRBS - 45	_	_	24.00	26.00	_	_	.50								
NRBS - 39	_	_	19.00	21.00	_	27.50	2.50								
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WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

#### LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION** Removal values were unchanged with majority prices unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

RANGE

MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

0-10

7-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs of disposal were at least unchanged from the past week. Offerings remained ample for selective plant scheduling based on a fair call for dressed product. Processing costs were viewed as about steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values ranged unchanged to slightly higher with majority values generally unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to mostly ample. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Opinions of value were generally steady.

REMOVAL COST RANGE MAJORITY 9-9.50

<u>WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN</u> Plant schedules moderate. Offerings generally adequate.

<u>SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL</u> FOR W/E 16-May-03 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	<b>EX LARGE</b>	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	60.00	58.00	54.00
SOUTHEAST	57.50	55.50	52.00
MIDWEST	51.00	51.00	50.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	61.75	57.75	55.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	57.76	55.66	52.99
COMPUTED FROM SIMPI	LE WEEKLY A	VERAGES V	<b>WEIGHTED BY</b>
REGIONAL AREA POPULA	ATIONS		

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both heavy and light canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to moderate. Trading was limited on heavy canners. Offerings were in close balance to tight. The undertone was generally steady on heavy canners; at least steady on lights.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
21-25 MAJORITY 23-23.5

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)
29-35 MAJORITY 32-33

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

22-26.5 MAJORITY 25-25.25

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)

30-37 MAJORITY 33-34.5

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 10-May-03 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY						
	LIGHT HENS	<b>HEAVY HENS</b>	TOTAL HENS			
-		-THOUSANDS				
HEAD	1,586	1,364	2,950			
LAST WEEK	1,846	1,209	3,055			
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,008	1,280	3,288			
TO-DATE/2003	32,202	25,060	57,262			
TO-DATE/2002	35,041	24,956	59,997			
	LIGHT HENS	<b>HEAVY HENS</b>	TOTAL HENS			
_		-THOUSANDS				
HEAD	98	0	98			
LAST WEEK	279	3	282			
SAME WEEK YR AGO	352	4	356			
TO-DATE/2003	5,206	68	5,274			
TO-DATE/2002	6,225	24	6,249			
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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	<b>HEAVY HENS</b>	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,684	1,364	3,048
LAST WEEK	2,125	1,212	3,337
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,360	1,284	3,644
TO-DATE/2003	37,408	25,128	62,536
TO-DATE/2002	41,266	24,980	66,246

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MRKT NEWS BR.

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Inspected Egg P	Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade							
U.S. Exports to C	anada, in P	ounds (000)	(Preliminary)					
Week Ending Ma	Week Ending May 03, 2003 Year-To-Date							
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002				
Liquid	457	502	4,292	6,724				
Frozen	0	0	63	0				
Dried	0	80	135	138				
Total	457	582	4,490	6,862				
U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)								
Week Ending Ma	y 03, 2003		Year-To-Da	te				
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002				
Liquid	70	127	1,976	2,435				
Frozen	6	51	1,387	1,344				
Dried	40	272	440	1,764				
Total	116	450	3,803	5,543				
Inspected Shell E	<u>eggs</u>							
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U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) Week Ending May 03, 2003 Year-To-Date 2003 2003 2002 2002 /1 121 1,034 Jumbo 0 0 1,280 210 8,302 3,717 Extra Large 18,143 Large 2,850 3,066 33,805 Medium 1,590 1,368 23,398 18,778 Ungraded 2,220 15,930 12,456 77,405 Misc 0 780 3,042 11,164 7,940 Total 21,354 65,462 145,903

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

# <u>WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -</u> (INCL GOVT STOCKS) SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		FREGS	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	05/12/03	2,761	194,162	63,223
AM	05/01/03	2,696	190,005	62,870
CHG		65	4,157	353
PCT C	HG	2%	2%	1%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 10-May-2003					
SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT C	HG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THO	DUSANDS	PW	LY	
ATLANTA	22.8	20.1	13	3	
BOSTON	3.4	3.2	6	3	
CHICAGO	66.9	39.7	69	24	
DETROIT	28.7	24.8	16	-6	
KANSAS CITY	8.0	3.2	150	167	
LOSANGELES	90.2	74.6	21	6	
NEW ORLEANS	14.2	12.8	11	8	
NEW YORK	33.2	34.1	-3	-1	
ST. LOUIS	17.5	15.9	10	14	
SAN FRANCISCO	19.6	19.5	1	-1	
TOTAL	304.5	247.9	23	9	
4 WK MVG AVG	295.1				

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 10-May-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

,	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	209.1	-2	-3
E.N. CENTRAL	496.6	0	3
W.N. CENTRAL	259.8	-3	0
S. ATLANTIC	168.3	-3	20
S. CENTRAL	93.7	8	16
WEST	181.4	-1	4
TOTAL	1408.9	-1	4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT 13-May-2003
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	113	106	83	53
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHII	RE 106-110	99-103	76-80	46-50
MOSTLY	108-109	101-102	78-79	48-49
RHODE ISLAND	112-116	105-109	82-86	52-56
MOSTLY	112	105	82	52
VERMONT	115-116	109-110	85-86	-
MOSTLY	116	109	86	-

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